

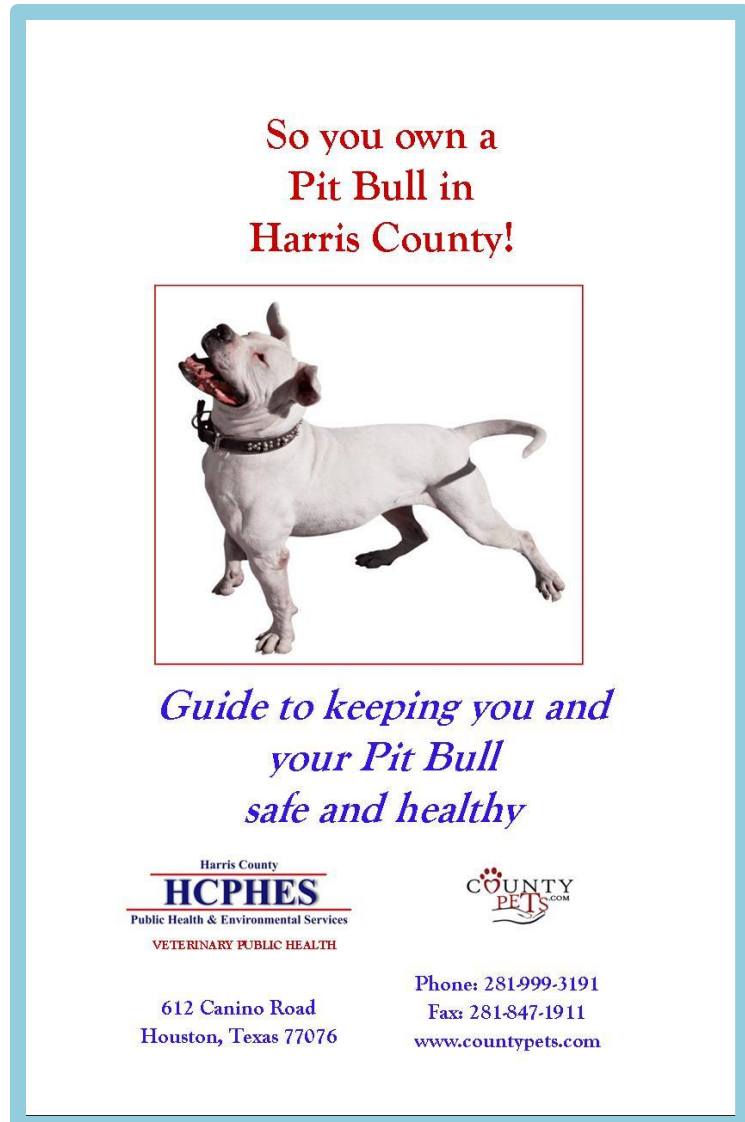
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Educational Materials

“So you own a Pit Bull in Harris County?”:
(English)

Brochure included in sleeve



“So you own a Pit Bull in Harris County?”:
(Spanish)

Brochure included in sleeve

Así que usted es dueño de un
Pit Bull
en el Condado de Harris!



*Guía para el mantenimiento
de usted y su
Pit Bull
seguro y saludable*

Harris County
HCPHES
Public Health & Environmental Services
VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

COUNTY
PETS.COM

612 Canino Road
Houston, Texas

Phone: 281-999-3191
Fax: 281-847-1911
www.countypets.com

Promotional Materials

T-Shirt:

T-Shirt Design



Front



Back

Travis with "Marley" wearing the T-Shirt



Leash & Pencils:



Book Cover/Poster:



Dog Bandana:



Marley sporting his dog bandana



Press Release:

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Press Release

June 5, 2009

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Tricks for Pits Program



The Veterinary Public Health Division of Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES) will launch its **Tricks for Pits** program in the Aldine community. The program, scheduled for this summer, will offer **FREE** veterinary health checks/vaccinations, dog training equipment, 8 weekly dog training classes, and graduation certificates. Youth who own pit bull dogs and reside in the targeted Aldine ZIP Codes, 77039 and 77093, are eligible to participate.

The program is designed to teach youth owners how to use positive training and bonding skills to create a well trained pet. Pit bulls are extremely loyal dogs who can be wonderful pets and companions with proper socialization and obedience training. The key is to understand and harness the innate terrier type of intensity that pit bulls have and use it to develop a companionship bond between youth and their dog. The goal in developing this bond is to change the culture of pit bull ownership in urban areas where misuse and dog fighting is prevalent.

To qualify, youths must be between the ages of 13 and 18, own or have access to a pit bull dog, be willing to attend all 8 dog training sessions, and live in ZIP Codes 77039 or 77093. The **Tricks for Pits** program has 50 spaces available; registrants will be on a first come first served basis. All activities will take place in the Aldine area.

For information or to register, please contact Fiona Cunningham (HCPHES) at 281-999-4714.

Form Letter to Eligible Person in HCPHES VPH Database:
(English)

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June 11, 2009

Dear (pet owner),



Veterinary Public Health Department of Public Health and Environmental Services Harris County (HCPHES by its acronym) is offering obedience training classes FREE for pit bull and pit bull mix type dogs. The 8-week program includes weekly obedience classes, pet vaccinations and health examinations, dog training equipment and graduation certificates to owners aged between 13 and 18 years of age who live in zip codes 77039 and 77093.

Our records show that you may be eligible to receive services.

The FREE program, called TRICKS FOR PITS, has 50 places available and is based on a first come, first served. All activities are held in the Aldine area.

For vouchers and appointments, please contact Fiona Cunningham at 281-999-4714 or email fcunningham@hcpbes.org.

Thanks for being a responsible pet owner.

Form Letter to Eligible Person in HCPHES VPH Database:
(Spanish)

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11 de junio de 2009

Estimado (dueño de mascota),


Salud Pública Veterinaria del Departamento de Salud Pública y Servicios Ambientales del Condado de Harris (HCPHES por sus siglas en inglés) está ofreciendo clases de entrenamiento de obediencia **GRATIS** para los perros de raza pitbull y mezcla de pitbull. El programa de 8 semanas incluye clases de obediencia semanales, vacunas para mascotas y examen de salud, equipo de entrenamiento para perros y certificados de graduación para dueños entre 13 y 18 años de edad que vivan en los códigos postales 77039 y 77093.

Nuestros archivos muestran que usted puede llenar los requisitos y recibir estos servicios.

El programa **GRATIS** llamado **TRUCOS PARA PERROS PITBULL**, tiene 50 lugares disponibles y es en base a los primeros que llegan, primeros en ser servidos. Todas las actividades se llevan a cabo en el área de Aldine.

Para vales y citas, por favor comuníquese con Fiona Cunningham al 281-999-4714 o correo electrónico fcunningham@hcphe.org.

Gracias por ser un dueño de mascota responsable.



Distributed Community Flyer:
(English & Spanish)

Tricks for Pits

• **Teen pit bull owners in Aldine.....**

• **Free dog training classes for you and your pit bull dog.**

Do you.....

Own a pit bull dog;
live in zip code 77093 or 77039, and
are between 13 – 18 years of age?

• Free dog training classes will include the following for you and your pit bull dog:

Free veterinary health check;
Free rabies and DHPP vaccinations;
Free dog training equipment;
Free dog training classes with a dog trainer who specializes in pit bull dogs; and
Free graduation test and certificate.

• Limited space is available. To register, contact Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services, Veterinary Public Health at 281-999-4714 or acwebmaster@hcpbes.org.



Trucos para perros Pitbull

• **Dueños adolescentes de perros pitbull en Aldine**

Eres.....

¿dueño de un perro pitbull
vives en el código postal 77093 o 77039, y
tienes entre 13 – 18 años de edad?

• **Las siguientes clases gratis de entrenamiento para perros incluyen para ti y tu perro pitbull:**

un chequeo veterinario de salud gratis;
vacunas contra la rabia y DHPP gratis;
equipo de entrenamiento para perros gratis;
clases de entrenamiento con un entrenador de perros que se especializa en perros pitbull; y
prueba y certificado de graduación gratis.

• El espacio disponible es limitado, así que regístrate rápidamente en Salud Pública Veterinaria del Departamento de Salud Pública y Servicios Ambientales del Condado de Harris al 281-999-4714 o acwebmaster@hcpbes.org.



Newspaper Advertisement:

Tricks for Pits

Free dog training classes for pit bull dogs and their teen owners in Aldine.

If you.....

- Own a pit bull dog;
- live in zip code 77093 or 77039, and
- are between 13 – 18 years of age?

Then you may qualify for free dog training.

The classes will include the following for you and your Pit Bull:

- Free veterinary health check;
- Free rabies and DHPP vaccinations;
- Free dog training equipment;
- Free dog training classes with a dog trainer who specializes in pit bull dogs; and
- Free graduation test and certificate.



Limited space is available. To register, contact Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services, Veterinary Public Health at 281-999-4714 or acwebmaster@hcpbes.org.



Veterinary Public Health
www.hcpbes.org



www.countypets.org

Veterinary Health Exam & Vaccinations Voucher:

Voucher included in sleeve

Voucher Free Health Check and Vaccinations

Voucher Number: 00000 *Trucos para perros Pitbull* Fecha de vale: _____



**Un chequeo veterinario de salud,
vacunas contra la rabia y DHLPP**

Como participante en la programa *Trucos para perros pitbull*, este vale le permite a _____ y el tipo de perro pitbull _____ de:

- Un chequeo veterinario de salud,
- Vacuna contra la rabia, y
- Vacuna contra de DHLPP (distemper/hepatitis/parainfluenza/parvovirus)

Vales se puede canjear en la clínica:
Affordable Pet Clinic,
3004 Little York Road, Houston, Texas 77093. 713-692-5100
8:30—5:30 Sabado 9:00-2:00 Domingo—Cerrado

No necesita nombramiento L—V Este vale es válido 14 días y expirará el 10/14/09

Firmado: _____ Fecha: _____


Fiona Jones, HCPHES Veterinary Public Health, 281-999-4714

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Sin valor monetario. Redimir sólo en Affordable Vet Clinic. No es válido si es alterado, copiado, venido o transferido.

Front

Vale Número: 00000 *Tricks for Pits* Voucher Date: _____



Veterinary Health Check & Vaccinations

As a participant in the *Tricks for Pits* program, this voucher entitles _____, and the pit bull type dog called, _____ to:

- One pre-vaccination health exam,
- Rabies vaccination, and
- DHLPP vaccination (distemper/hepatitis/parainfluenza/parvovirus)

Voucher may be redeemed at:
Affordable Pet Clinic,
3004 Little York Road, Houston, Texas 77093. 713-692-5100
No appointment needed M—F 8:30—5:30 Sat 9:00-2:00 Sun—Closed

This voucher is valid for only 14 days and will expire on _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Fiona Jones, HCPHES Veterinary Public Health, 281-999-4714

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Publicity

Houston Chronicle

Friday October 9th, 2009

Aldine teens and their pit bulls can get free training classes

■ First students
(2- and 4-legged)
have graduated

By PEGGY O'HARE
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

MacArthur High School sophomore Daniel Monsivais remembers the days when his pit bull, Apache, would chase motorcycles and cars down

the street or dash after small children. But now when Monsivais, 16, tells Apache to stay, the dog obeys.

There was also a time not so long ago when Apache chewed the family's TV remote control, angering Monsivais' mother. Now the dog backs off when Monsivais commands: "Leave it!"

Apache's behavior changed thanks to a novel program that

recruits teenagers who own pit bulls for a free, 10-week dog-training class. The program, "Tricks for Pits," also offers free vaccinations and spaying or neutering.

Harris County Public Health's Veterinary Division started the classes in August after seeing significant increases in the number of pit bulls being abandoned,

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JAMES NIELSEN : CHRONICLE

PUCKER UP: Trainer Bobbye Smith gives Lino a kiss as a reward for being an excellent student during the 10-week program.

Friday October 9th, 2009

DOGS: 'Tricks for Pits' well-received

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pit bull bites and police calls concerning vicious members of the breed. Public health employees went door to door in high-risk areas to recruit their first students.

On Wednesday night, the first two classes graduated during a ceremony at James Driver Park in the Aldine area. Two more classes will graduate Monday, meaning more than 40 teens in Aldine have been trained to properly care for and control their pit bulls with verbal commands.

Changing the culture

The next classes — again targeting Aldine teens — will begin in January, and some courses are already full. The training drew so much interest that other park visitors approached program officials asking how to sign up.

"Tricks for Pits" aims to change the culture of pit bull ownership in urban areas where misuse of the animals and dogfighting are prevalent, county public health officials said. Its slogan is "Off the Chain, On the Leash."

"These programs were initiated because of the noted rise in numbers of pit bulls coming into the shelter, the numbers of pit bulls that we had complaints about and the numbers of pit bulls involved in bite cases," said Colleen Hodges, a spokeswoman for



JAMES NIELSEN / CHRONICLE

IS IT OUR TURN YET?: Roxy, a pit bull puppy, seems poised to fetch her diploma when her name is called during graduation ceremonies for the first two "Tricks for Pits" classes Wednesday night. The next two classes will graduate Monday, and the free 10-week program will resume in January.

the county's Veterinary Division. "The numbers were just peaking out all over the place, so that's why we focused on the pit bull."

Aldine, Channelview and Katy had the county's highest numbers of pit bull bites, loose and stray dogs, pit bulls surrendered by owners and vicious dog reports, public health officials said.

The first set of classes were open only to teens between 13 and 18 years old who

lived in the Aldine area and committed to attend all training sessions.

One doggie dust-up

Despite everyone's best efforts, Wednesday's graduation ceremony did not pass without incident. One pit bull on a leash started a fight with two other dogs, and all the canine graduates tried to join in. Their owners separated them quickly before any blood was shed. It was the first time a

fight had happened in the 10-week course.

"There are a couple of pit bulls in class that are not totally agreeable, and you recognize that early on and respect it," said instructor Bobbye J. Smith of Huffman, who taught the courses at no cost to the county. "But it doesn't stop me from wanting to train that pit bull and help his family."

peggy.ohare@chron.com

Tuesday, October 27th, 2009

Harris County Vet service completes Pit Bull classes

NORTHEAST HOUSTON—When the Harris County Veterinary Public Health Division studied statistics on incidents of Pit Bull attacks on humans, abandoned dogs, and police calls, they found a high number occurred in the Northeast area, within zip codes 77039 and 77093. Therefore, they instituted a training program for local dog owners, to improve their dog's behavior, known as "Tricks for Pits."

The program held graduation ceremonies the last two weeks, for teenage owners and their pit bulls who had participated in the 10 week training program. The training and the graduation were held at Driver Park on Bentley. The program, under the direction of Fiona Jones and Dr. Dawn Blackmar, DVM, of the County Public Health Vet division, had an experienced trainer, Bobbye Smith.

To encourage teen dog owners to enroll in the classes, HCPHES Vet staff went door to

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Above, Pit Bull "Money" and her owner, Monica Gallegos, receive a graduation diploma from Trainer Bobbye Smith and Fiona Jones. At right, Santos Perez's Pit Bull "Mimi" has her diploma in her teeth, and is ready to sit down and get a treat.



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Always a crowd favorite, helicopters from Life Flight and HPD were on display.

*Rock Climbing, Karate displays, water li
Moon Walks, and other games and
information were part of the party.*

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door to enroll owners and their dogs, attended community meetings and publicized the classes in the *Northeast News*. About 40 teens have participated in four classes, and the program will be repeated in January, according to Jones. Information on future classes is available at 713-999-4714.

Students who signed up had to agree to attend all weekly classes, and to do homework in nutrition, skin care, and general dog health. Animals were also

eligible for free vaccinations and spaying or neutering.^o

Bobbye Smith said that this is a unique program, with only one other in the nation that is similar, in Chicago. These classes were funded by a donation of \$10,000 from an anonymous donor and other in-kind donations. Bobbye said that she trains with slip collars, rewards and praise. Dogs learn obedience commands, such as "park it", "watch me", "leave it" and "stay."

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Community Educational Activities & Events

Calendar of Events and Activities:

Month 2009	Activity or Event
February	Community business leaders East Aldine District Harris County Juvenile Probation Department Community veterinary clinics Door-to-door canvassing Educational materials distribution
March	Spay-Neuter Pit Bull Day logistics planning & event Gang awareness training Door-to-door canvassing Educational materials distribution Harris County Juvenile Probation Department Aldine Y.O.U.T.H Harris County Sherriff's Office – Aldine Store Front
April	Humane Society U.S. conference call to review youth recruitment strategies Juvenile Guidance Community meeting East Aldine District presentation Annie Casey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Foundation meeting Northeast Community Center health fair Baylor College of Medicine meeting to review youth recruitment strategies Aldine Y.O.U.T.H board meeting Door-to-door canvassing Educational materials distribution Community veterinary clinics Door hangers Northeast News article and advertising Harris County Sherriff's Office – Aldine Store Front
May	Aldine Crime Awareness Meeting Local radio show Harris County Juvenile Probation Department East Aldine District Aldine Y.O.U.T.H Door-to-door canvassing Anti-gang stakeholder meeting Canvassing at local parks/recreational facilities Door hangers Community businesses Harris County Sherriff Office – Law Enforcement Anti Gang Task Force Educational materials distribution Tricks for Pits Spay-Neuter Day Harris County Sherriff's Office – Aldine Store Front

Month 2009	Activity or Event
June	Direct mail to 425 qualified pit bull type owners Canvassing at local parks/recreational facilities Door-to-Door canvassing Apartment complex canvassing East Aldine District Aldine Public Library Aldine Independent School District Aldine Y.O.U.T.H Educational materials distribution Community businesses Community veterinary clinics Harris County Sherriff's Office – Aldine Store Front
July	Apartment complex canvassing Canvassing at local parks/recreational facilities Door-to-Door canvassing Community businesses Educational materials distribution Aldine Public Library Aldine Y.O.U.T.H Harris County Sherriff's Office – Aldine Store Front Community veterinary clinics
August	Tricks for Pits Class Educational materials distribution at park Class review with participants
September	Tricks for Pits Class Spay-neuter day for TRICKS FOR PITS dogs Educational materials distribution Class review with participants
October	Tricks for Pits Class Educational materials distribution Class review with participants
November	Educational materials distribution
December	Educational materials distribution
Month 2010	Activity or Event
January	Tricks for Pits Class Educational materials distribution Class review with participants
February	Tricks for Pits Class Educational materials distribution Class review with participants
March	Tricks for Pits Class Educational materials distribution Class review with participants

Class Curriculum Details

Curriculum:

TRICKS FOR PITS Curriculum

Phase 1: Veterinary Wellness Exam and Vaccinations

Phase 2: Obedience Training & Education



Class	Type	Topic
One:	Obedience:	Orientation, Collar Fitting, Positive Reinforcement, & Watch Me
	Education:	Responsible Pit Bull Ownership & Harris County Animal Laws, Use of Types of Dog Collars
Two:	Obedience:	Loose Leash Walking, Sit & Down
	Education:	Use of Different Types of Dog Collars, Fleas & Ticks
Three:	Obedience:	Leave-it; Take-it; Drop-It and Stay
	Education:	Heartworms, Animal Waste Collection, Dogs in Public Areas
Four:	Obedience:	Come (Recall with sit), Clicker
	Education:	Nutrition and Diet
Five:	Obedience:	Shake; High-5 and Stand
	Education:	Dental Hygiene & Health
Six:	Obedience:	Park-it (Sit Down Stay), Front and Other side
	Education:	Crate Training & Keeping Dogs Indoors
Seven	Obedience:	Heel and Recall with whistle
	Education:	Grooming and Skin Conditions
Eight:	Obedience:	Heel - Right and Left Hand Turns
	Education:	Spay /Neuter Versus Breeding
Nine	Obedience:	Puppy Push Ups, Meeting a Stranger, Working in a Group, & Practice for Graduation Test
	Education:	Careers Around Dogs
Ten	Obedience:	Graduation Test, Shell Game & Paper Bag Game
	Education:	Responsible pet Ambassadors & American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Test

House Keeping:

TRICKS FOR PITS

House Keeping Check List



1. Keep your dog on a leash at all times
2. Keep your distance from other dogs
3. Do not let your dogs sniff each other
4. Walk your dog on grassy area before class so they can relieve themselves
5. If your dog defecates, please collect the poop in bags provided and put in park garbage bins
6. Make sure you arrive 15 minutes before class begins and sign the sign-in sheet
7. Use water bowls provided if your dog is thirsty
8. Put your dog in front of fans if your dog is hot
9. Put your items back in zip lock bag before leaving
10. Attend all eight classes
11. Wear your pit bull T-Shirt and name tag to all classes
12. Audience may sit at picnic tables
13. Leave after the class is over
14. Be respectful, courteous and kind
15. Have fun with your pit and practice what you have learned each week.

Supplies List:

TRICKS FOR PITS

Supplies List

Class Supplies Provided:

1. Water Bowls
2. Water
3. Disinfectant
4. Poop Scoopers & Waste Bags
5. First Aid Kit
6. Minor Consent Forms
7. Photo Consent Forms
8. Incident/Accident Forms
9. Educational Materials
10. Treats (Cheese & Turkey Hot Dogs)
11. Sign In Sheets
12. Cameras
13. Paper Towel
14. Grooming Brushes
15. Spare leashes and Collars
16. Pens/Pencils
17. Electrical Fans
18. *Park-It* Rugs
19. Ice
20. Name Badges



Student Supplies Provided:

1. Nylon Martingale Collar
2. Nylon Leash
3. Nylon Recall Leash
4. T-Shirt & Dog Bandana
5. Educational Materials Folder
6. Weekly Zipper Bags for Supplies
7. Dog Treat Training Pouches
8. Dog Toys
9. Carpet Rugs
10. Whistles
11. Clickers
12. Dog Food Samples and Treats



Graduation Test Review:



TRICKS FOR PITS Graduation Review



Command	Instructions	Hand signal
Watch Me *	Dog turns head to look handler in the eyes	Fingers by handler's nose
Sit*	All four feet on the ground and bottom at rest on the ground	Hand out palm up
Down*	Dog's belly on the ground, paws in front of the dog	Hand out palm down
Park It*	Dog is in a down command on a carpet or rug without saying sit or down	Finger pointed to "park it" carpet and verbal command "park it"
Leave-It*	Dog avoids item when told to do so	Slight pull on leash or a wave of hand over the item
Take-It*	Dog takes food when given in the hand	Food in palm of hand
Come*	Dog walks over to handler and sits in front of the owner, allowed to say "sit"	Hand waved in come motion over chest
Loose Leash Walking*	Dog can walk on the leash with some slack on the leash when there are no distractions (No pulling)	Starts walking when told "let's go"
Heal*	Dog walks on left side of handler, sits on left side when the handler stops walking, allowed to say "sit"	Start walking when handler moves left leg, stops when handler stops walking
ADVANCED DOG TRICKS (PICK TWO OF THE FOLLOWING TO BE TESTED ON)		
Front	Dog sits in front of the handler and faces the handler	Verbal command "front"
Shake	Dog puts paw out for handler to touch	Hand out palm up, and cupped to make a side-ways C
Right Turns	Dog increases walking pace and turns right when told while walking	Verbal command "quickly right"
Left Turns	Dog decreases walking pace and waits for handler to cross in front of the dog and turns left when told while walking	Verbal command "slowly left"
Use of Clicker	Dog waits for treat when clicked, used when the dog does a command correctly to mark it	Sound of clicker
Use of Whistle	Used to get the dog's attention, dog looks at the owner	Sound of whistle
Stay *	Dog is in down or sit command and holds for 5-10 seconds and then is released	Hand out, palm towards dog, fingers spread apart, number 5
Other Side	Dog will cross to the right or left side behind the handler when walking	Handler switches the hand holding the leash behind their back.

Test Sheet:

TRICKS FOR PITS

Graduation Test Sheet



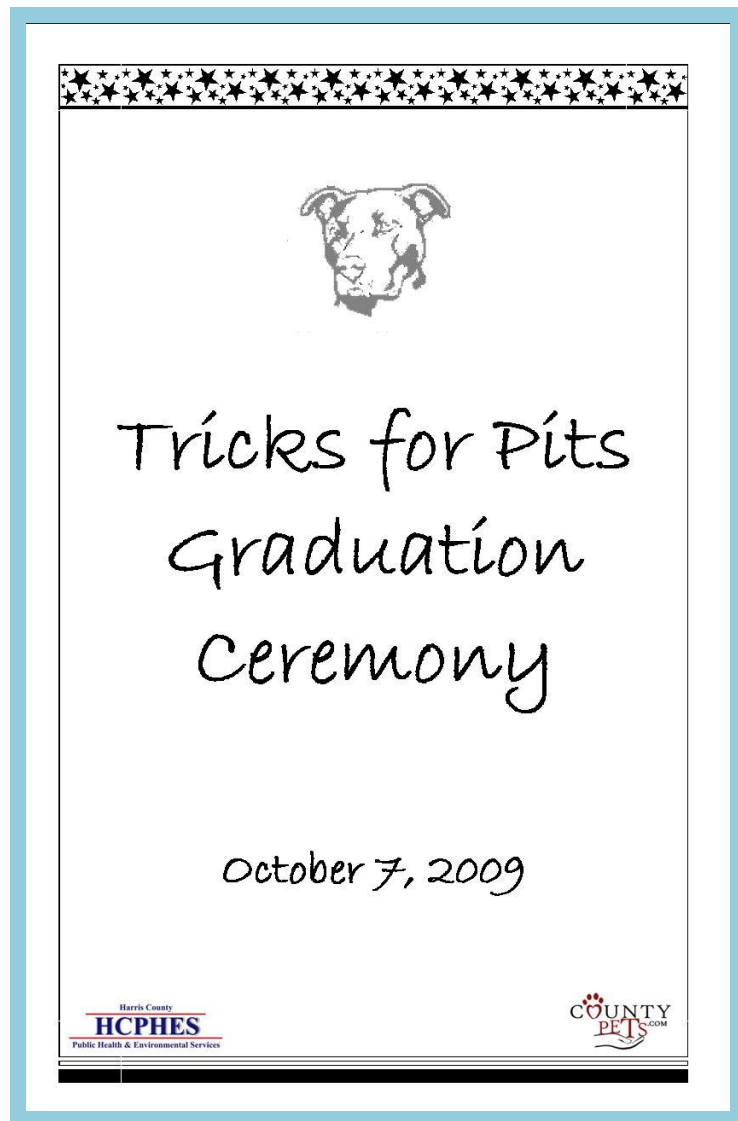
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Watch Me *		
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Down*		
Park It*		
Leave-It*		
Take-It*		
Come*		
Loose Leash Walking*		
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Graduation

Program:

October 7, 2009

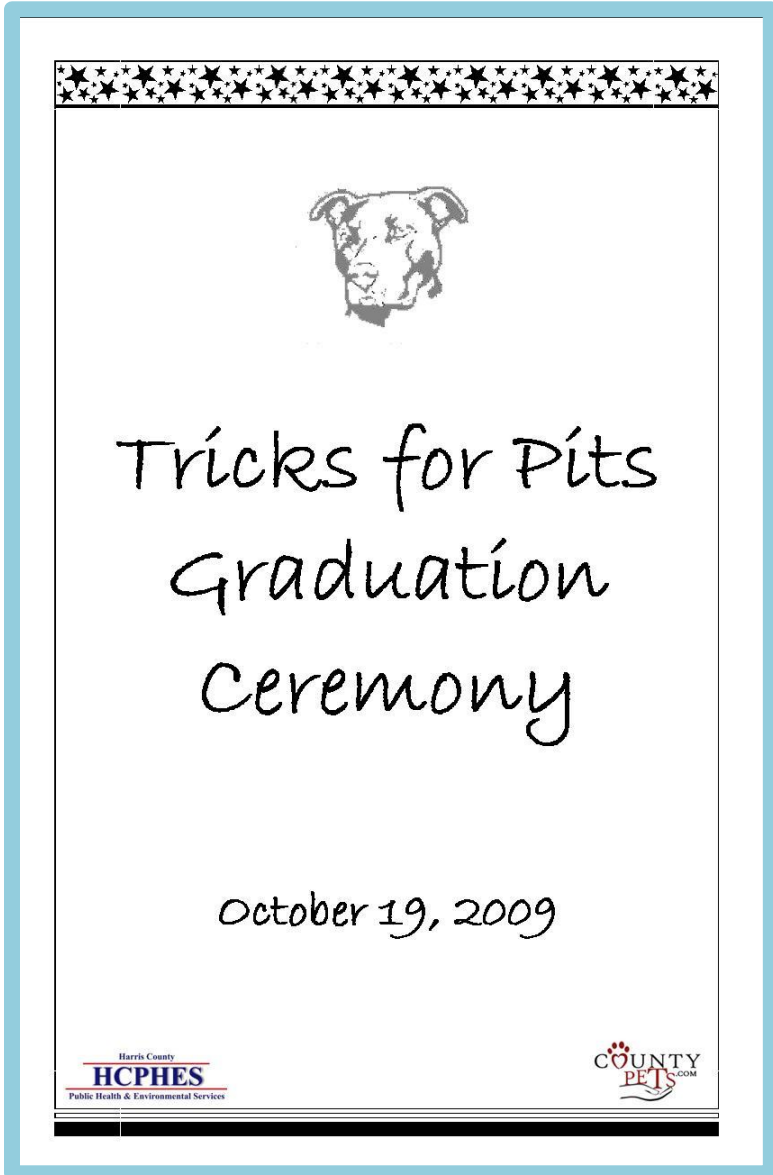
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October 19, 2009

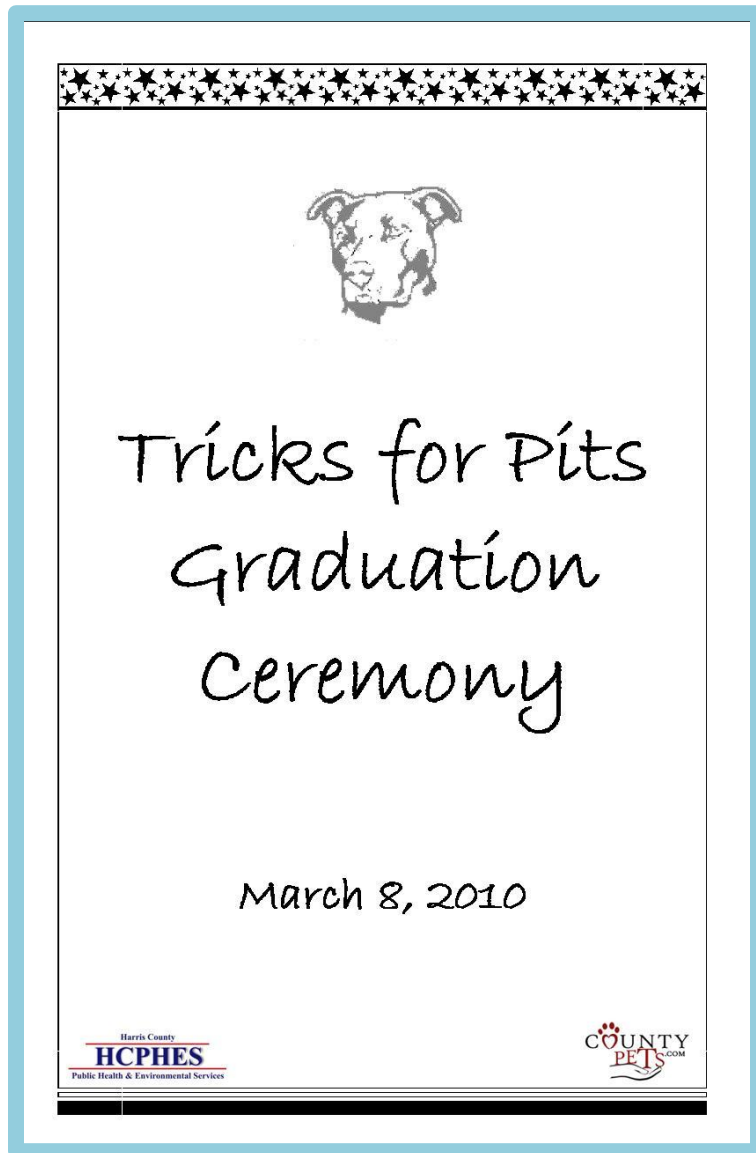
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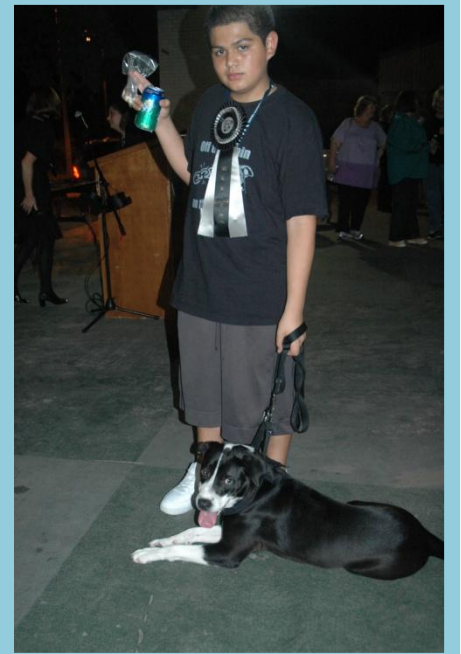


Graduation Certificate:



Hugo and "Gotti" after graduation

Jose and Blade after graduation



Graduation Decorations:



Rosette:



Representative Examples of Youth Feedback



“My name is Daniel Monsivias & this is my dog called Apache.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program was when Apache finally laid down for the first time. The whole program was cool and I loved it all.

The most important thing I have learned is the leave it command. Before the class, Apache chewed the remote control and my Mom was mad at me. Now he leaves stuff alone when I tell him to leave it! My brother, David also helped and the most important thing for him was that he learned to pay attention to Apache.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is getting to meet more dogs and dog owners and getting to train my dog.

Thank you!”

“My name is Santos and this is my dog, Mimi.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is the help and support given to me and Mimi.

The most important thing I have learned is that we have other friends and other places to go, but our dogs only have us.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is the tricks and cues that help us train our dogs.

Thank you!”





“My name is Carmen and this is my dog, Casper.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is working with my dog.

The most important thing I have learned is how Casper learned to have better manners.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is that most dogs didn't listen before they were trained. Thank you”

“My name is Oscar and this is my dog, Rocky.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is teaching Rocky to sit.

The most important thing I have learned is for Rocky to come whenever he's called.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is that I found out that dogs can pay attention! Thank you”



“My name is Pamela and this is my dog, Boots.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is that it really taught me how my dog reacts in situations, and how to train her.

The most important thing I have learned is how to notice her different personalities and deal with that personality.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is how easy the people helping us made it to train our dogs. Thank you!”





“My name is Monica and this is my dog, Money.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is that Money was able to meet new people and do something different each week.

The most important thing I have learned is that Money loves to learn new things all the time!

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is that she learned to do high 5's on her spare time. Thank you!”

“My name is Patricia and this is my dog, Wrangler and my brother holding Boots”.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is that it taught me and Wrangler what good behavior actually is.

The most important thing I have learned is not to reward bad behavior.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is how to gain control over your uncontrollable pet! Thank you!”

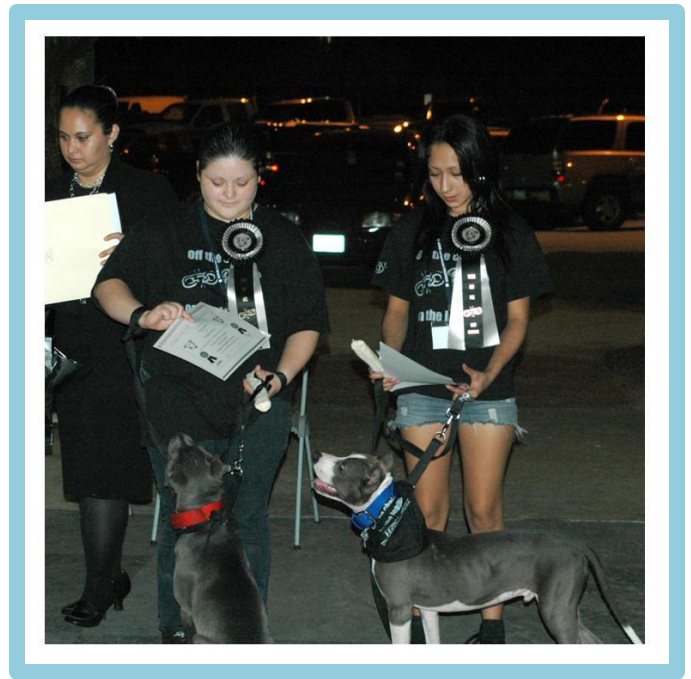


"We are Myra and Nyra and this is Roxy & Puppet.

Our favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is everything we learned & that Roxy & Puppet listen to us now.

The most important things we have learned is never to hit Roxy or Puppet when they don't understand. We also learned how to teach the dogs. We now know that they don't always "get it" the first time.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is the tricks Roxy & Puppet can do now and how all of the dogs in the class were able to get along. Thank you and Thank you!!!"



"My name is Desiree and this is my dog, Rosie.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is **ALL OF IT!**

Things like Rosie's improvement and how she is becoming better socialized.

The most important thing I have learned is watch me!

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is seeing Rosie's improvement each week. Thank you!"



"My name is Gloria and this is my dog, Candy.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is that I learned tricks that I had never heard of.

The most important thing I have learned is park it because she used to always jump on the table.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is teaching my dog how to focus."

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“My name is Alizabeth and this is my dog, Bruno.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is teaching him things so he can be a well behaved dog.

The most important thing I have learned is keeping him away from other dogs.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is seeing him learn things I didn't know he was able to do. Thank you!”

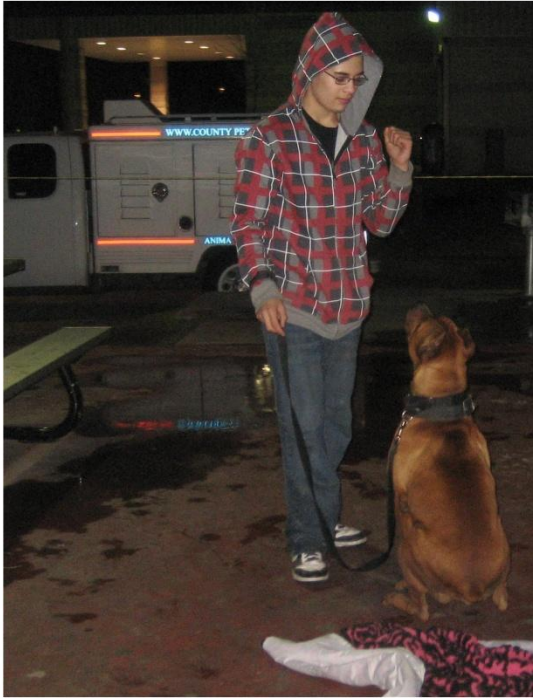


“We are Angel and Jessica & this is our dog called Spike.

Our favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is that people were not scared here because everyone had a pit bull.

The most important thing we have learned is to practice, practice & practice and to be consistent.

The most interesting parts of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is how every dog got along and were not afraid. Thank you!”



“My name is Isahias and this is my dog, Dino.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is **EVERYTHING** we did with our pit bull dogs.

The most important thing I have learned is that my dog can be more disciplined. He is better disciplined than I've ever seen him.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is keeping our pit bulls with us and not let them loose, or get lost at the pound or abused. Thank you!”

“I am Dominique & this is my dog called Lino.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is teaching Lino to sit.

The most important thing I have learned is is getting Lino to park it when told.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is the way the teacher teaches and to love my dog. Thank you!”



“We are Israel & Patricia & this is our dog called Luffy D. Monkey, but everyone calls him Monkey.

Our favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is that Monkey is able to learn. The most important thing we have learned is that it takes time to teach and we have to be patient.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is all the toys Monkey was given each week and how much he loves them! Thank you!”



“I am Baldomero, but people call me Junior. This is my dog called Cougar.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is teaching Cougar to sit.

The most important thing I have learned is being able to train my dog.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is getting Cougar to shake and give me high 5's! Thank you!”



"I am Beatriz & this is my dog called Rocky.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is how our teacher interacted with the pit bulls and explained everything to me.

The most important thing I have learned is communication with Rocky and how to get him to understand me.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is how easily Rocky learns. It is amazing!

Thank you!"

"I am Marlayna & this is my dog called Princess.

My favorite things about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is the trick called "find it".

The most important thing I have learned how to praise my dog and when to praise her.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is learning how to go quickly right with Princess when we are walking to heel. Thank you"



“My name is Michael and this is my dog, Diamond.

My favorite things about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is meeting people who care, help us, and take the time to show us how to work with our pits

The most important thing I have learned is how to treat my dog. I have learned not to hit her or say no. I have learned to love my dog.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is watching all of the dogs do their tricks.
Thank you!”



“My name is Ruby and this is my dog, Rocco.

My favorite thing about the TRICKS FOR PITS program is giving a chance for pit bulls to clear their name and show how they are like other dogs.

The most important thing I have learned is that it's not only the dog that needs to be trained; also it's the trainers as well.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PITS program is how well it worked out with each and every dog. Thank you!”





"I am Adriana & this is my dog called Earthquake.

My favorite things about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is the interaction with other pit bull owners and getting an **A+** on the TRICKS FOR PIT'S test.

The most important thing I have learned getting Earthquake to stay when he is told.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is getting Earthquake to find things for me.

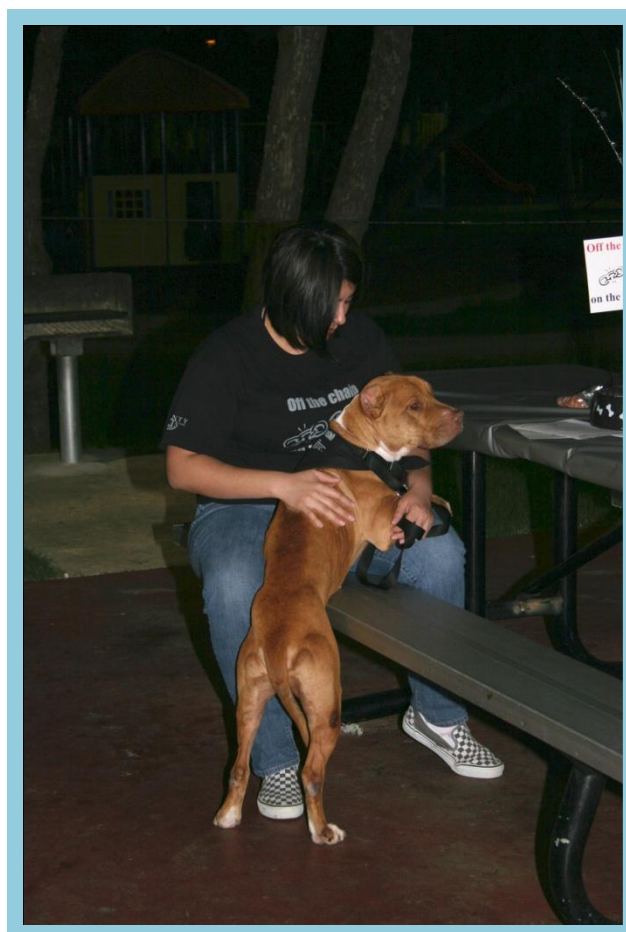
Thank you!!!"

"My name is Monica and this is my dog, Beans.

My favorite things about the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is the positive time I spend with him. I used to think of him as just a dog, and did not give him dedicated attention.

The most important thing I have learned is patience and to not give up.

The most interesting part of the TRICKS FOR PIT'S program is learning about Beans' personality. I used to think he was deaf when he ignored me. Now I know he is stubborn and chooses not to listen. I have learned how to get him interested and to listen to me.
Thank you !"



Sad and Heartfelt Note from Monica Vasquez (2009 Graduate):

Hello Fiona,

January 26, 2010

Im sorry about yesterday, im very heartbroken about loosing Beans. I do apologize for not letting you know at an earlier time about his situation but it was so unexpected. I would like to tell you that I am very thankful to you for bringing me closer to Beans it was an experience and time I will never forget. Im only dissapointed and upset that I didnt dedicate the time I began to within the recent months at an earlier time, that i can honestly say I will always regret. Im also very touched at ur idea of doing something special for Beans however I think I would only become more upset. It really saddens me that Beans became a very dear friend of mine and that I no longer saw him just as my dog but a friend and I have now lost him. My parents loved Beans very much and they too are very upset yet they would like to thank you so much for enrolling Beans in class especially my Mom she adores you for it.



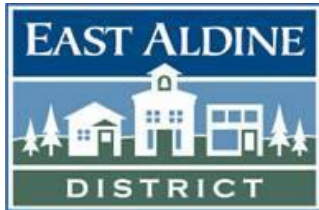
Fiona, I would like to sincerely thank you so much for all that you have done and for bringing me closer to Beans and having me realize what I already knew yet didnt cherish about Beans. Thank you greatly and hope we keep in touch.

Best Regards,
Monica Vazquez

Beans and Monica Graduation 2009

Community Acknowledgement

East Aldine Management District:



The East Aldine Management District presented HCPHES VPH with the award pictured left and acknowledgement for its contributions for the Responsible Pet Ownership Intervention Project (P.E.T.) and the Tricks for Pits program.

" The Strategic Partner Awards

Given to individuals and organizations who provide outstanding service in support of district programs and initiatives.

Categories:

Governmental

Education

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Public Health

Community and Youth Services

Business

HCPHES, you, and your team won for your outstanding service through educational services and for training to our youth with their pets. The Tricks for Pits Program was outstanding. Your commitment to teaching responsibility and proper ownership and treatment of pets can only lead to our youths understanding so many other necessary social skills that will make them better community members and perhaps one day even community leaders. The East Aldine District Board recognized this initiative as a part of the comprehensive quality of life issue that we cannot address alone and for which community partners such as HCPHES are invaluable in support of our mission.

Thank you again for everything you do. See you soon.

Best Regards,

Gretchen Larson"

Economic Development Director

East Aldine District 5202 Aldine Mail Rt.

Houston, TX 77039 www.aldinedistrict.org



State Representative – Armando Walle:



ARMANDO L. WALLE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
HOUSE DISTRICT 140

December 16, 2009

Dr. Dawn Blackmar D.V.M.
Director, Animal Control Division
HCPHES-Veterinary Public Health
612 Canino Road
Houston, Texas 77076

Dear Dr. Blackmar,

I am writing to congratulate you on the recent success of the Responsible Pet Ownership intervention program conducted in the Aldine area.

As you know, the Aldine community has seen an increase of stray dogs, particularly stray pit bulls. I commend the Harris County Public Health Environmental Services-- Veterinary Public Health for instituting the "Tricks for Pits" program in an effort to encourage responsible pet ownership and to cut down on the dangers posed by stray pit bulls. The program has increased the awareness of stray pit bulls, educated pit bull owners on pet responsibilities and provided other valuable services. I hope this program will be continued in our community.

Thank you for instituting this program in the Aldine community. Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of service to you, either by phone at (713) 694-8620 or by e-mail at Armando.Walle@house.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Armando Walle".

Armando Walle
State Representative

CC:

Ms. Fiona Cunningham-HCPHES Resource Development

150 WEST PARKER ROAD, SUITE 700 • HOUSTON, TEXAS 77076 • (713) 694-8620 • FAX (713) 694-8613 • ARMANDO.WALLE@HOUSE.STATE.TX.US

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

Ninth Congressional District of Texas, Al Green, Member of Congress:

(Certificate presented to each TRICKS FOR PITS graduate)





ALDINE
Y.O.U.T.H

Youth Organization United To Help

4700 Aldine Mall Rte • P.O. Box 11044 • Houston, Tx 77283-1044

Phone: 281-449-4828 • Fax: 281-449-4886

An Incorporated Non-profit Organization

"Community Empowerment Making a Positive Difference"

August 26, 2009

Harris County Veterinary
612 Canino Rd.
Houston, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this to let you know what we have observed in the participation of the Aldine Y.O.U.T.H. with the Harris County Veterinary Public Health project, Responsible Pet Ownership program.

The number one concern expressed in our community's town hall meeting was safety. One of the examples given was the presence of stray dogs and the criminal activities associated with the pit bull type dog.

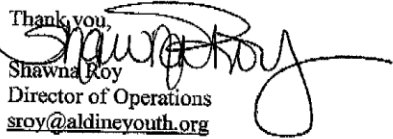
After identifying this concern, steps were taken by Veterinary Public Health to provide remedies through activities that educated the residents on pet laws/safety, provided services (spay and neuter) and offered incentives such as free dog training, free leashes, and reduced priced vaccinations.

The Health Department staff was very supportive of our youth through classes that exposed them to the media (they helped design a logo t-shirt), and served as a focus group during a visit to the shelter. This was a valuable opportunity for them to see first hand what happens to unwanted animals and also to be exposed to animal related career opportunities.

We have noticed that pet owners in our community have begun to keep their dogs on leashes when they are out with them and there also appears to be fewer strays in the neighborhood. As a community, we must continue to maintain and support these positive changes.

Thank you for allowing Aldine Y.O.U.T.H. the opportunity to take ownership of our pets and our community.

Thank you,


Shawna Roy
Director of Operations
sroy@aldineyouth.org

Grandparents Raising Granchildren:



Shirley Reed
4835 Otterbury Drive
Houston, Texas 7703

Harris County Veterinary
612 Canino Rd.
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Blackmar:

For the past year, I have been aware of the presence of the Responsible Pet Ownership Program in the Aldine community, 77039 and 77093.

The Harris County Health Department's Veterinary department worked very hard to pick up loose dogs and give information to us. We have noticed more people using leashes and there appears to be fewer stray dogs in our neighborhood.

The two main persons working with the animal control officers, Janis Jefferson and Fiona Jones, were a constant face at our civic club meetings, community group functions, festivals and most of all, worked with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, of which I am the president, and president of the Green Forest Civic Club.

I love my community and am very thankful that so much attention was given to improving it. We want this kind of service to continue and will keep working to keep our neighborhood safe and healthy.


This program was good for our neighborhood and has certainly given us information that will be useful in the future.

Sincerely yours,


Shirley Reed

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2111 Hardywick • Houston, Texas 77093
Phone 281.590.1599
Fax 281.590.5620

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HARRIS COUNTY AUDITOR
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Invoice

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6/26/2009	0026

BILL TO:

HARRIS COUNTY AUDITOR
c/o ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
1161 PRESTON, SUITE 800
HOUSTON, TX 77002

SHIP TO:

HARRIS CTY. ANIMAL CTRL
ATTN: DAWN DECKMAN
612 CANNON ROAD
HOUSTON, TX 77076

P.O. NUMBER	TERMS	REP	SHIP	VIA	F.O.B.	PROJECT
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3 SCREEN PRINT-	BLACK GILDAN ADULT TEE - STYLE # 5000G - SIZE 3XL	12.10	36.30
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	SCREEN PRINTED "TRAIN DON'T CHAIN" (2 COLOR) LOGO ON BACK		
	SCREEN PRINTED "COUNTY OF HARRIS" (1 COLOR) LOGO ON RIGHT SLEEVE		
TOTAL			\$764.30

Thank You

A-Z Specialties:



2117 Harbortek • Houston, Texas 77073
Phone 281.590.590
Fax 281.590.5620

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
12/25/09	9003

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100 PRESTON, SUITE 800
HOUSTON, TX 77002

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HARRIS CTY. ANIMAL CTOL
ATTN: DAWN BLACKMAN
612 CAMDEN ROAD
HOUSTON, TX 77076

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INCLUDE TWO PRINTED FULL COLOR BOTH SIDES BUT MED AND ATTACHED						
TOTAL			\$1,740.00			

Thank You

Approved
2/8/10

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Courtney Pet Supply:

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Rec'd 6/22/09 (817) 331-1478

Little York Veterinary Clinic:

Little York Veterinary Clinic
100 W Little York Rd.
Houston, TX 77078
Phone: 713-692-5148
Fax: 713-899-5559

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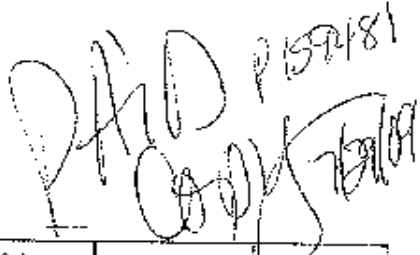

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AS CAREGIVER OF LISTED ANIMAL, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AN ESTIMATE OF CHARGES TO BEGIN TREATMENT BY LITTLE YORK VETERINARY CLINIC. THE CHARGES LISTED HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME IN DETAIL. I GIVE LYVC THE RIGHT TO ADJUST THE ESTIMATE AS THEY FEEL NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE TREATMENT FOR MY ANIMAL. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF ANY ADDITIONAL TREATMENT OR DIAGNOSTICS NEED TO BE PERFORMED, I WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LYVC AT THAT TIME.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS - PLEASE CALL THE HUMBLE EMERGENCY CLINIC AT 281-446-4900.

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NorthEast News 5906 Star Lane Houston, TX 77057		*INVOICE*	
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To Harris County PHES Vet PH Accounts payable 2225 West Loop South Houston, TX 77027			
		P.O. No. P158481	Date 7/16/2009
Item	Description	Wks Ad Run	Rate Amount
Display Ads	3x5 display ad in NEN 06-16-09		50.00 50.00
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Houston, TX 77093
Phone 713-692-5100

INVOICE

DATE: APRIL 15, 2010

TO:
Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services
Veterinary Public Health
512 Canine Road
Houston, TX 77078
281-999-3191

FOR:
TRICKS FOR PITS Vaccination Vouchers
PO # 183872

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Account 17006 Melofsky "Dutchess" 12/17/09	50.00
Account 7747 Cobb "Diamond" 1/07/10	35.00
Account 16877 Mendosa "Chico" 1/12/10	50.00
Account 16192 Hernandez "Killer" 10/07/09	30.00
PAID	
TOTAL	\$165.00

Make all checks payable to Reddys Pet Clinic
Payment is due within 30 days.
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Thank you for your business!